ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 8, 2016 8 a.m.  BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT- Vu Nguyen, Michael Pratt, Jake Jacobs, Tammi Fleet, Bro Dumas, Zachary Scott, Dylan Gray, Alisha Sharma, CC Carter, Susan Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT – None

OTHERS PRESENT – Jon Slaughter, Shar Krater, Radhika Kataria (recorder), Brett Rahtz, Andrew Roberts, Brenda Gutierrez

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Nguyen, called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

II. AGENDA – Information Item E (Conversation of Campus Emergency Preparedness) added to the agenda. Motion to approve the 9/8/16 revised regular meeting agenda (Jacobs/Pratt), 7/0/0 MSC.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 8/25/16 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 8/25/16 regular meeting, as presented (Pratt/Sharma) 7/0/0 MSC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Gutierrez from the Student Philanthropy Council said their main focus is to do fundraising for the university and help organizations on campus. In an effort to instill the spirit of giving back to their students, she is asking for donations. She said they are working on getting organizations certified and they are starting with leaders on campus.

V. BUSINESS

A. Consent Agenda

   All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and are enacted by one motion without discussion. A member of the committee who desires a separate discussion of any item may pull that item from the Consent Agenda. (Jacobs/Fleet) 7/0/0 MSC.

   2016-17 University Committee Appointments

   Confirmation of appointment to Educational Policies and Programs Committee (EPPC)
   - Director of University Affairs Appointment: Karla Camacho
   Confirmation of appointment to Faculty Recognition and Support Committee (FRAS)
   - Director of University Affairs appointment: Valerie Olivares

B. Action Item: Approval of allocation not to exceed $2,500 for Michael Pratt to attend the AAUP Shared Governance Conference in Washington, D.C. Motion to approve allocation not to exceed $2,500 for Michael Pratt to attend the AAUP Shared Governance Conference in Washington, D.C., as presented Pratt/Dumas (7/0/0). MSC – Nguyen asked Pratt to speak about this. Pratt said they want to make sure there is enough money to attend this conference. The funds will go towards the flight, hotel and conference cost. Fleet asked what benefit will having Pratt go on this conference be for the student of campus. Pratt stated this conference will be discussing the same things they have been trying to find the solutions to in regards to the shared governance issue. Travelling to this conference will make it easier in formulating their own definitions on shared governance. Carter stated as we move forward with the new President and talking about Shared Governance, he encourages Pratt to not miss this opportunity in attending as he is the spokesperson and voice of the students. Carter reinforced that without Pratt’s voice at the table there will be no CSU, Chico student representation at the conference. Jacobs agreed with Carter and stated this is an opportunity to take advantage of.

C. Information Item: Campus Drive-in Workshop as follow-up to CSUnity – Roberts sent an e-mail to members of the group to get ideas of what GAC wants to do. He said it will be good if the event focused on what the campus is doing well. It is hard to find a time for everyone to meet, so he will e-mail everyone. Nguyen asked when this event would be held. Roberts stated that this event should be placed in November. Krater recommended looking at room availability to help in deciding the dates. Sharma stated that since the month of November is being looked at, a set idea should be made by the next meeting. Nguyen stated that this should
not be a huge event in the planning process, and if it comes to it, then the event can be expanded further. Nguyen stated that it is important that this event is held this semester instead of next semester. This is because as officers they only have one year and if they wait until the second semester they are waiting until the outgoing phase of their journey. This will come back as an item at the next meeting.

D. Information Item: Update on Halloween Programming Task Force – Krater stated GAC has hosted an event on Halloween weekend for the students for the past several years. Previously, there was a discussion on the role of GAC for organizing and hosting this event for Halloween. Last year, there was a discussion about how long GAC officers have to attend and the time commitment. Nguyen asked who would like to volunteer as the task force for this event. Next week they will come back on what they can bring to the table. Carter thanked everyone for their participation and that the motive of events like these is to keep students safe. The voice of GAC officials as leaders and peers working this event makes a big statement to the student body. The concept of this event has been led by the AS Students. Krater offered her help to the task force if they need her assistance in starting off to plan this event. This item will come back next week with more information.

E. Discussion Item: Conversation of Campus Emergency Preparedness – Discussion was held regarding the emergency notifications that were sent out to campus last week. Jacobs stated that there are two sides to every equation and as a student he appreciated that they sent out a text, which was proactive. On the flip side, he thought them sending out texts to the student body set out mass hysteria and paranoia, as well as got several rumors going around. Jacobs thinks this event should be taken as an opportunity to know that if something were to happen there was no preparedness on campus for safety. Gray agreed with Jacobs, he said that a precautionary measure should be taken on campus in the case of these events. Sharma stated that it is hard to update students when something like this is going on, and she likes how the students were updated. She said that the rumors that go on in these situations cause the paranoia and there needs to be something that alleviates this. Discussion was held regarding the need to have more conversation and procedures in place for future events to prevent confusion. Krater offered advice from the Active Shooter training she had attended. She noted there is an Active Shooter training on campus on November 15th. She stated if there is an active shooter around, the best thing to do is silence one’s cell phone, find a place to hide, and lock the door. The idea is to stay calm and figure out where this information is coming from. Nguyen asked everyone if something were to happen, what actions can be made now for campus to be prepared. Dumas stated that there should be protocol in place; similar to the way they have in high schools. Carter said he will take this information and take action, and said it is essential that staff be trained on these situations. He said the reality of this situation is real, as other campus shootings have been happening around the country recently. Nguyen stated that it is hard to have a unified effort in such a large university, but as Associated Students, they should be very proactive in their personal efforts. Fleet stated that University facilities have to be considered, with there being protocol in place, along with training of staff.

VI. REPORTS: OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS – Fleet: Full report attached to BOD Agenda. Meeting with Betsy Boyd regarding Shared Governance. Met with Alexis Butcher from CCLC to discuss the Diversity Task Force. The next Senate meeting will be next Monday. Dumas: Krater and Nguyen were with him when they had a Voter Registration Event meeting. They came up with a solid idea for getting students to register to vote. As on now, they have an idea of what they want to do for the event on October 24th. Pratt: Full report attached to BOD Agenda. The CSSA is working to define Shared Governance to students and administrators. There are three working definitions drawn out of campus definitions. Scott: Trying to get things set up. Got together with Nguyen to talk about the Wildcat food insecurity project, which is something he wants to work with this semester. Gray: MAC Night will be held on November 15th. The Black Student Welcome Reception is today if anyone wants to go. He passed out tabling signups to the group. Sharma: She had thought of this project idea, has three or four meetings signed up next week to establish her project idea. Will get back next week with more information. Jacobs: Talked with Corinne Knapp to continue efforts on sustainability in Dining Services. Roberts: The lower level lounge is coming along; most of the furniture has arrived. He is not sure when the area will be opened officially, but he will get back to that. The Zen Den II opening will be on September 22nd. Rahtz: There are many scheduling conflicts with students wanting to join ASBC. Partida: Got over 60 applications for FLO, and interviews will be taking place this Saturday.

VII. REPORTS: STAFF – Anderson: The inauguration for Gayle Hutchinson has been scheduled for March 3rd. Carter: There are 13 weeks left for school this semester. He stated this because sometimes one can lose track of time, so when setting goals please look at it in terms of scheduling. Labor Day went very smooth in terms of people were not behaving poorly as these are all indicators of crime. He said there are 139 student organizations registered. CCLC is launching Power and Ignite, so ask him for more information. He said he believes that the new president is going to change the University in a phenomenal way. Slaughter: No Report Krater: No Report
VIII. REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT – Nguyen thanked everyone for their participation and attendance at Bidwell Bash. It was a successful event. He thanked everyone for their council and committee application efforts and asked for all to continue to push council and committee applications. Had a meeting about “Wildcats Vote!” event coming up and thanked everyone for their attendance at “Wildcats Can.” About 1,400 cans have been donated. He has been invited to a Food Insecurity working group meeting and if anyone is interested in attending with him please let him know. There is an opportunity to table at a Re-entry Student Reception on September 13th from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. He said this is a great way to connect to a student population we typically do not get a chance to interact with. He will be sending out a meeting request for this.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Carter stated that the Foster Youth, Dream Center, and Veteran Center will be active this year as they have all received new space allocations. Last year’s student body drove this change, and the university has found space to hold these centers so everyone should be proud of their actions.

X. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic - None

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE GROUP – None

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Nguyen, adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.